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Dear [REDACTED] 25X1A

Your memoranda to [REDACTED] of 31 July 1947 has just been brought to my attention. The question that occurred to me immediately is what has happened to [REDACTED] in your organizational hierarchy? [REDACTED] was transferred [REDACTED] although sorely needed in London, because we thought, and still think, [REDACTED] needed his services even more urgently. My intentions at the time I discussed his transfer with you, in which you concurred, was [REDACTED] would be your assistant, responsible for editorial policy and editorial operations. The content of your recent memoranda to your staff clearly indicates that you have by-passed the editorial arrangement agreed to by us when I was in [REDACTED]. What is the explanation for this?

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25X1A For your information the Washington office has far more confidence in [REDACTED] editorial ability than it has in the ability of any other member of your staff. [REDACTED] at the present time could be the most important contribution to Washington intelligence of any of our bureaus. Considerable work still must be done to get the most out of the material available to your monitors and the whole purpose in sending [REDACTED] was to give you the necessary assistance to improve your monitoring and editorial operation.

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25X1A Unless there are sound reasons to the contrary, I must insist that you make full utilization of [REDACTED] for the time that he is on your staff. This would require putting him in charge of all your editorial work, with [REDACTED] under his operational control. Remember that you are the individual we hold responsible for [REDACTED] and have [REDACTED] there to help you run it efficiently. I will be expecting an explanation addressed to me in London.

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Sincerely,

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Chief, FBIB.

cc [REDACTED]